

"Luckiest Man in War"

Fell From Sky Thrice, Shot Down Once; Lives

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—"The luckiest man in the war."

The luckiest, not from the viewpoint of the man who got his thrills from a newspaper; not the luckiest, even, in the opinion of the doughboy, or the sailor who risked his neck on the seas or under them, but the luckiest on the testimony of the luckiest bunch of fighters that ever faced the Germans—the combat aviators of the allies, whether British, Italian or American—which, one might admit, is some luck.

The Luckiest Man is Lieut. Waldo H. Heinrichs, late of the Ninety-fifth Aero Squadron, first of the American squadrons to take the air against the Germans, who recently arrived from France after two months in a prison hospital at Metz. He was in the same fight in which Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt was killed, and his roommate, Lieut. William H. Taylor, son of W. H. Taylor, of this city, was killed the day after Heinrichs was shot down.

A Few Experiences.

Here are some of the things that happened to Heinrichs:

Dodged splinters from propeller which was torn completely off when he was flying at full speed at height of 1,500 feet, landing without a scratch.

Fell a mile in plane from which most of top wing had been stripped in collision with a German he was fighting, but landed right side up.

Turned a double somersault in machine which was blown into ditch as he was making landing. Escaped without a scratch.

Fell 3,000 feet, wounded in ten places, yet lived through some telegraph wires and made a safe landing.

Almost Smashed Up.

With arm broken in two places, elbow smashed, both jaws broken, two bullets in hand, one in thigh, wound in right ankle, another in left heel, fifteen teeth gone and right side of face torn out by explosive bullet, he lived two months in a prison hospital which had three surgeons and six nurses to care for 600 men.

And last, but most important of all, Heinrichs was found in that hospital in the nick of time. He had lived only on his nerve, the surgeons agreed, and his morale was at its lowest ebb when Willard H. Williams, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, who was the first American to enter Metz, appeared in the hospital, the first with confirmation that the allied forces were close at hand.

"And let me say that he was a welcome citizen," Heinrichs declares. "Since I have got back I have heard things said about the 'Y' that don't correspond at all with my experience with that organization. There was a 'Y' outfit with our squadron most of the time, and it was one of the biggest helps we had. You can try to imagine how we all felt when that 'Y' man reached us at Metz—an example of enterprise if anything is. And after I left the hospital I was entertained by 'Y' men at 72nd Street officers' hotel. I have nothing but good to say of them."

War Cross With Palm.

The scars of ten wounds and the Croix de Guerre, with a palm, are some of the evidences Heinrichs bears that he was in the war. He enlisted as a private in the ground school for aviators at Boston Tech., and was one of the ten honor graduates. He went overseas a year ago last July, took the finishing courses at Tours, Avord, Issoudun and Cazaux and on February 14, went to the Champagne front with the Ninety-fifth Squadron.

Heinrichs got his first taste of war on patrol duty between Chalons and Reims and had his first fight within a week. It was a quiet sector, however, and the squadron was transferred at the end of the two months to the Chemin des Dames. The next shift was to the region about St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson. Then things began to live up a bit.

German flyers grew venturesome and the Americans were doing a good average business when one day Heinrichs encountered a German who wanted to fight. After a little preliminary maneuvering Heinrichs got in close and dived on his antagonist, his machine gun going full tilt. As he ran the German down he passed so close under him that he struck the tail of the German's machine.

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LIEUT. WALDO H. HEINRICHS, American aviator, who is known as "the luckiest man in the war." He fell with an aeroplane three times, was shot down behind the German lines and was in a prison hospital two months with ten wounds when rescued. He now is back in the United States.

He saw his foe falling, apparently shot down.

Almost at the same moment he found that he himself was falling. He pulled up on his stick, but the plane did not respond. A glance at his wing showed that half of it had been stripped off from end to end, and that there consequently was nothing to keep it up. The machine, which was now in a nose spin. For over 5,000 feet Heinrichs whirled downward before he could get his craft on an even keel. By that time the "archers," as the anti-aircraft guns are called, were peppering him from every aerobatic trench, but it was almost dusk and the Germans "weren't shooting very well," Heinrichs says. He made the American lines and managed to land.

In June Heinrichs' squadron was sent to Chateau-Thierry, and it was there that he won his Croix de Guerre. He and Lieut. John Mitchell, of Manchester, Mass., were up on patrol when they encountered six German flyers—part of the famous Baron von Richthofen "aerial circus"—and led by a younger brother of the celebrated German ace.

The fight lasted some fifteen minutes, and one of the German flyers was shot down, possibly two. Heinrichs' man was soon joined by a second, who also opened fire. To avoid the four Germans who stood by, and at the same time to engage his two, Heinrichs turned to the left, and, as he did, one of his engines stalled. Meanwhile, Mitchell and his men were at close range some hundreds of yards away, and Heinrichs could see frequent bursts from their machine guns as they swooped and turned.

Late Hall of Shot.

Heinrichs was doing well with his two men, but in making a turn he got carried out of position a little. As he met his antagonists in another rush he dived to get under them and at the same time turned to come about. As he did, one of his engines stalled. Heinrichs, who had taken no part in the fight up to that time, came with a rush from behind, his machine gun wide open, and Heinrichs turned just in time to fly right into the hall of shot.

A bullet struck him in the left heel and another grazed his right ankle. An explosive bullet entered his left thigh and another his left elbow, smashing the elbow and fracturing his arm above and below. Two explosive bullets went through his right hand and one struck him in the face. This bullet exploded in his mouth, breaking both jaws, knocking out his teeth and tearing out the right side of his face.

Despite his terrible injuries, Heinrichs went into a nose spin, righted himself after dropping some 3,000 feet, skidded under some telegraph wires and landed in the German lines. With one arm useless and the other hand shot through, he had no chance of escape. He was found by himself unstrapped and was out of his machine, trying to set fire to it, when a German lieutenant and forty soldiers came up and trained their rifles on him, taking him prisoner.

German Robbed Him.

"I was left lying on the ground within sight of our own balloons for about an hour before the stretcher bearers came and carried me to a field dressing station," Heinrichs says. "They put a splint on my broken arm and I was next taken to a field hospital and given anesthetic. At the field hospital the German orderly stole everything I owned—clothes, watch, money, photographs and everything. The only part of my equipment that I ever saw again was handed me in an envelope when the Germans abandoned the Metz hospital—one shoulder bag."

At the Metz hospital the equipment and personnel were meager to the last limit. The camp had no oil, all the bandages were of paper, and disinfectants were in short supply. Three weeks in all, which Heinrichs knew of, was the most of blood poisoning due to the failure of the German surgeons to operate in time.

By November 10, the Germans had left Metz, taking with them all the medicines, bandages, supplies and instruments, and even the records of the patients, leaving only the Austrian cooks and the few convalescent prisoners who had been staying at the hospital.

Heinrichs had been shut on his nose in bed for two months, when the night before the allied forces moved there was a stir on the roof of the big ward on which he lay, and Lieut. William H. Taylor, of this city, was seen. With a spear, which he had given the men to use as a weapon, he advanced and handed him cigarettes and chocolate and a tin of shaving soap.

On his removal from the hospital Heinrichs was taken to an officers' guest at Tours, where he was the guest of the Y. M. C. A. men for some days. He then was removed to one of the convalescent hospitals in the United States. Given on his arrival here Heinrichs played true to form, for he made his landing on one of the convalescent hospitals stretched from First School Lane to the playing of the Northern Pacific, the big liner which went aground here New York Bay.

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Without a word the sailor took off his coat, picked up his screwdriver and WENT to work.

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